

NARRATIVE INFORMATION – DA 400
Division of the Budget
State of Kansas

AGENCY NAME: KS Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services
PROGRAM TITLE: Integrated Service Delivery
SUBPROGRAM TITLE: EES – Child Care Assistance

EXPENDITURE JUSTIFICATION - Child Care Assistance - 25600

Program Overview: The purpose of Child Care Assistance is to enable low-income families to enter the workforce and retain employment, while providing safe and developmentally appropriate care for children. To be eligible for child care, families must have incomes below 185.0 percent of the federal poverty level, have a need for child care (such as the parent's employment), and must comply with Child Support Enforcement requirements. Families with incomes above 70.0 percent of the poverty level are required to pay a share of the child care cost. Assistance is provided for children up to age 13. Child care is provided by centers, licensed providers and unregulated providers (i.e. care by relatives and care provided by persons in the child's home). The amount of assistance provided varies by location, family income and size, the number of children in care, the type of child care setting, and hours of care. Child care rates are reviewed biennially through a market survey in order to form a comparison to the 75th percentile of market rates, a benchmark used by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, to ensure that children receiving child care have access to quality care comparable to the general population. Child Care Assistance is funded by a combination of state and federal funds.

Object Code 5500: Grants and Assistance

The following table details the Child Care Assistance budget:

Child Care Assistance Caseload

Item	FY 2011 Actual	FY 2012 Request	FY 2013 Allocated Budget
Base Caseload			
Average Monthly Families	10,741	9,989	9,753
Average Monthly Children	19,734	18,800	18,355
Monthly Cost per Child	\$299.70	\$304.00	\$304.00
Subtotal - Base Caseload	\$70,970,887	\$68,582,400	\$66,957,378
Child Care Policy Changes	0	(9,262,543)	(12,808,396)
Total	\$70,970,887	\$59,319,857	\$54,148,982
Financing			
State General Funds	\$20,542,042	\$16,871,779	\$16,871,779
Children's Initiative Fund	1,399,787	5,033,679	3,490,737
Social Services Block Grant	199,992	200,000	200,000
CCDF Mandatory and Matching Funds	18,764,841	20,144,195	20,144,195
CCDF Discretionary	24,043,086	17,070,204	13,442,271
TANF Block Grant	6,021,139	-	-
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FY 2012: \$59,319,857 – Since 2008, the base caseload has dropped steadily and is projected to continue declining in FY 2012 by 2.4 percent. The average monthly cost per person is projected to rise by 1.6% over FY 2011. Child Care Assistance eligibility requirements will be amended to move recipients towards full-time employment and allow more families to achieve self-sufficiency. Efforts by the agency to end fraud, waste and abuse will also lead to budget savings in the Child Care Assistance program.

FY 2013: \$54,148,982 (\$54,008,982 Reduced Resource to reduce Waste, Fraud, and Abuse) – The base caseload is projected to continue to fall by 2.3% over FY 2012. The average monthly cost per person is projected to remain flat over FY 2012. The child care policies are included in FY 2013.